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C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 1458

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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN LE QUAN GIANG AND GOI OFFICIALS

REFS: A. JAKARTA 1360 (NOTAL)

B. JAKARTA 1377 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: ACCORDING GVN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REP NANG,  
IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FONDEPT AND STATE INTELLIGENCE  
OFFICIALS FEB 3 GVN FONMIN OFFICIAL GIANG RECEIVED  
IMPRESSION THERE SOME SLIGHT HOPE GOI MIGHT SEE ITS  
WAY CLEAR TO TAKING NOT TOTALLY UNHELPFUL POSITION AT  
ICRC LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS  
INTERPRETATION OVEROPTIMISTIC, AND THAT GOI POSITION  
ESSENTIALLY THAT REPORTED REF A. ALSO, IN FONDEPT  
MEETINGS GIANG (A) ASKED INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR GVN  
OBSERVER STATUS AT KUALA LUMPUR ASEAN MINISTERIAL  
(MALIK HAD "NO OBJECTION"), (B) EXPRESSED HOPE INDONESIA  
WOULD ADVISE AUSTRALIA AGAINST ANY RECOGNITION OF PRG  
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(MALIK SILENT) AND (C) SUGGESTED RAISING GOI-FVN

RELATIONS TO CONGEN LEVEL (MALIK SAID "PLEASE WAIT"). END SUMMARY

1. GVN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REP NANG FEB 4 GAVE POLCOUNS DEBRIEFING ON MEETINGS BETWEEN GVN FONMIN NO 2 LE QUAN GIANG AND GOI FONDEPT AND BAKIN (STATE INTELLIGENCE) OFFICIALS FEB 3 (REF B). FIRST MEETING OF DAY WAS WITH BAKIN DEPUTY GEN HERNOWO. IN RESPONSE TO GIANG'S URGING THAT GOI SUPPORT EFFORTS TO KEEP PRG OUT OF ICRC LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, HERNOWO TOOK UNEXPECTED TACK, STATING THAT INDONESIA MIGHT NOT PARTICIPATE AT ALL. HERNOWO'S RATIONALE WAS THAT AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES ON FRINGE OF CONFERENCE MIGHT PERSUADE FRIENDLY PARTICIPANTS TO RAISE QUESTION OF INDONESIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THAT PERHAPS BEST COURSE FOR INDONESIA WOULD BE NOT TO ATTEND. IN REPLY POLCOUNS QUERY NANG STATED THAT OTHER ASPECTS OF PROBLEM, SUCH AS APPLICABILITY OF ARTICLE 32, WERE NOT DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS. HERNOWO ALSO GAVE GIANG FAMILIAR LITANY OF GOI CONCERNS OVER STRENGTH OF GVN (ALONG LINES PARA 4 REF B) AND RATHER INCONCLUSIVE EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE.

2. IN MEETINGS WITH FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND FONMIN MALIK (IN THAT CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER) GIANG MADE VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL PRESENTATIONS ON PRG AT ICRC, ASEAN MINISTERIAL, AUSTRALIA AND PRG, AND GOI-GVN RELATIONS. RE INDONESIAN POSITION ON PRG REPRESENTATION AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE, DJAJADININGRAT (WITH ASIA PACIFIC DIRECTOR BRIGEN ADENAN ATTENDING) TOOK RIGID STANCE REITERATING EXPOSITION HE HAD MADE TO AMBASSADOR EARLIER IN DAY (REF A) THAT, CONSISTENT WITH ITS POSITION LAST YEAR, GOI WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PRG PARTICIPATION. AS WITH AMBASSADOR, DJAJADININGRAT STATED THAT IN SUPPORTING PRG PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN MEASURES, GOI WOULD MAKE CLEAR THIS DOES NOT IMPLY RECOGNITION OF PRG AS GOVERNMENT. MALIK DEALT WITH SUBJECT IN MORE GENERAL TERMS, AFFIRMING INDONESIA BELIEVES PRG SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCE, BUT HEDGING ON ARTICLE 32 TO POINT VIETNAMESE FELT THERE SOME HOPE INDONESIA WOULD NOT BE TOTALLY UNHELPFUL. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. GIANG ASKED FOR INDONESIAN SUPPORT FOR GVN OBSERVER STATUS AT 1975 ASEAN MINISTERIAL TO BE HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR. MALIK REPLIED INDONESIA WOULD HAVE "NO OBJECTION" IF GOM WISHED TO INVITE GVN. IN REPLY POLCOUNS QUESTION NANG STATED THAT, WHEN GIANG RAISED MATTER WITH GOM, HE HAD RECEIVED REPLY THAT CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ASEAN GOVERNMENTS UNDER WAY (IN PAST MALIK HAS SAID IF GVN WERE TO

ATTEND CONFERENCE, PRG SHOULD ALSO BE INVITED).

4. AFTER INFORMING MALIK AND DJAJADININGRAT OF GVN'S FEARS THAT WHITLAM GOVERNMENT CONSIDERING SOME SORT OF RECOGNITION OF PRG, GIANG ASKED THAT INDONESIA ADVISE GOA AGAINST SUCH A MOVE. NEITHER MALIK NOR DJAJADININGRAT COMMENTED ONE WAY OR OTHER, AND GIANG DID NOT PURSUE SUBJECT.

5. GIANG REVIEWED SUGGESTION MADE BY ROVING AMBASSADOR BUI DIEM DURING SEPTEMBER 1974 VISIT THAT RELATIONS BE RETURNED TO CONGEN LEVEL. DJAJADININGRAT MADE NO REPLY. MALIK SAID IT "NO PROBLEM BUT PLEASE WAIT."

6. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT GOI POSITON ON PRG PARTICIPATION AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE REMAINS AS DESCRIBED REF A. MALIK NOT INFREQUENTLY SOFTENS MESSAGE HE CONVEYING TO POINT IT UNCLEAR; DJAJADININGRAT IS KNOWN FOR STRAIGHT TALK. WHILE HERNOWO'S VIEW IS INTERESTING, WE DOUBT BAKIN IS INVOLVING ITSELF DEEPLY IN THIS QUESTION. MALIK'S REACTIONS ON OTHER POINTS RAISED BY GIANG FORESEEABLE, GIVEN PRESENT GOI UNCERTAINTY OVER FUTURE OF GVN. NEWSOM

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